ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

PLANT SERVICES DIVISION

Bemisia tabaci Biotype Q -- Whitefly

<u>DIVISION/PROGRAM:</u> <u>PSD</u>

DAO 05-04

SIGNATURE

EFFECTIVE DATE

1. PURPOSE

This Order is issued to mitigate an immediate risk of infestation of the whitefly known as *Bemisia tabaci* Biotype Q from any infested California facility. *Bemisia tabaci* Biotype Q is not known to occur in the United States except in a limited area in California. It is known to attack over 500 hosts including cotton, melons, and greenhouse crops, and it is resistant to commonly used pesticides including neonicotinoids, imidacloprid, and pyrethroids.

This Order will become effective upon signature of the Director, and will remain in place until amended or rescinded.

2. AUTHORITY

A. R. S. § 3-201.01 <u>Associate director; powers and duties</u>

3. **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Associate Director, managers and supervisors shall ensure that all employees of the Plant Services Division understand and comply with this Order.

4. APPLICABILITY

This Order applies to all shipments of regulated commodities from the area under quarantine.

5. Order

A. **Definition:**

"Pest" means *Bemisia tabaci* Biotype Q

B. Area under quarantine:

The entire State of California

C. Regulated commodities:

All plant material except underground plant parts and seed.

D. **Restrictions:**

The commodities listed in Section (C) are prohibited entry into Arizona from any facility that is known by the California Department of Food and Agriculture to be infested with the pest.

E. Disposition of regulated commodity not in compliance:

A regulated commodity shipped into Arizona in violation of this Director's Administrative Order shall be destroyed, treated, or transported out of state as prescribed at A.R.S. Title 3, Chapter 2, Article 1.